

EMS Committee
3760 South Highland Office, 3rd Floor Auditorium
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members:	Kris Kemp MD, Mike Mathieu, Mike Moffitt, Jason Nicholl, Brett Kay, Jay Downs, Jeri Johnson, Laonna Davis, Robert Grow MD, Hallie Keller MD, Bradley Russell MD and Casey Jackson.
Excused:	Mark Adams, Margy Swenson and Tom White MD.
Guests:	Scott Adams, Mike Willits, Russell Malone, Chris DeLamar, Troy Sawyer, Ricky Evans, Von Johnson, UnaRae Taylor, Bryson Westbrook, Jess Campbell, Tracy Schaffer, Eric Hale, Spencer Edwards, Shane Moser, David Chugg, Kriss Garcia, Wade Larson, Andy Smith, Don Marrelli, Tammy Barton.
Staff:	Jolene Whitney, Bob Jex, Tami Goodin, Allan Liu, Dennis Bang, Annalyn Boden, Jim Hansen, Shari Hunsaker, Dennis Bang, Jenny Allred, Guy Dansie, and Suzanne Barton.
Presiding:	Kris Kemp, M.D.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action
	<u>Welcome</u>	
Introduction of Committee Members and Bureau Staff	Dr. Kris Kemp, EMS Committee Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. All present members introduced themselves.	
Special Announcement	Dr. Kris Kemp noted that Sheriff Lynn Yeates, who was currently a member of the State EMS Committee, passed away recently and his level of service to his community and his commitment to the State EMS Committee as a public servant will be missed.	
	<u>Action Items:</u>	
Approval of Minutes	The EMS Committee members reviewed the October 22, 2014 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.	Jeri Johnson made the motion to approve the October 22, 2014 minutes. Mike Mathieu seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.
Brigham City Ambulance Staffing Waiver	Joseph Bach, Fire Chief for Brigham City is requesting an ambulance staffing waiver to provide paramedic level services to the residents and visitors of Southeastern Box Elder County and Brigham City when staffing is available. They have intentions to comply with the State rule within 18 to 24 months to have paramedic service in Brigham City having full time paramedics available 24-7. Jason Nicholl said that in their application it indicated that you had budgetary allotments to hire four new personnel in 2014 and did that take place? Joseph Bach replied that they hired three new paramedics and they have four more paramedics that are in paramedic school and they will be done in July.	Robert Grow made the motion to approve the Brigham City ambulance waiver minutes. Mike Moffitt seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.
Rule 426-3 Licensing	Guy Dansie said that a special meeting with the EMS Committee Members was held on December 3, 2014 to review and approve the changes in the rules recommended by the EMS Rules Task Force. R426-1, R426-2 and R426-4 for definitions, designations and operations were voted on and approved. Due to time restraints,	Mike Moffitt made the motion to approve 426-3 Licensure rule forward in the process with the

	<p>R426-3 Licensure was not discussed, voted on or approved at this meeting. The following changes have been recommended for R426-3 Licensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R426-3-300 Licensure Types - (2) was struck out and then added back due to legal requirements for licensing in current Statute and licenses that are currently issued for those levels. • R426-3-400 Scope of Operations (4) - added a sentence saying “The licensed provider may arrange for those services through R426-3-800 aid agreements. Designated quick response units may also support licensed group ambulance or paramedic services at special events”. Was added for clarity and based on public comment for QRUs at special events. • R426-3-500 - under minimum licensure requirements for air ambulance, ground ambulance and paramedic services it was discussed that the insurance liability limit would be added for 1 million dollars per incident for the rule. • R426-3-610 Air Application – some items were deleted from R426-3-600 and added to a new section, R426-3-610 for items specific to air ambulance providers by the Air Ambulance Committee. • R426-3-700 Medical Control (h) - having current treatment protocols approved by the agency’s licensed provider’s off-line medical control was moved to be struck because it is already required under the medical director’s requirements. • R426-3-800 Ground Ambulance or Paramedic Service Provider Aid Agreements (4) - was moved to be struck and was suggested by the EMS Committee that we add a new section 4 saying all aid agreements shall be submitted to the department upon execution or amendment or aid agreement. • R426-3-1300 Change of Owner (2) – it was suggested that 60 days be changed to 10 business days in regards to change of new ownerships prior to the acquisition of property. • Mike Moffitt had a question in regards to R426-3-600 (g) - to change the language to “applicant’s plans for operations during times of unusual demand.” No opposition to change the language. <p>The approved rules will be submitted for department review, including the Attorney General’s office and Executive review and then on to public comment. After public comment, the rules will be submitted back to the Executive Director for final approval to be made into rule.</p>	<p>changes that have been made and agreed on today. Jason Nicholl seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.</p>
	Subcommittee Reports and Action Items:	
Operations Subcommittee	<p>Chris DeLaMare stated that there are 11 open positions on the Operations Subcommittee that need to be filled. The website is currently under construction so Dan Camp has been sending out the applications to interested applicants.</p> <p>CAAS Vehicle Standards were open for public comment October 1st through December 1st. They have a meeting in March with Congress to discuss the public comment.</p>	

	<p>One of the topics on a national level and in Utah is the policy for police with video and body cameras use and whether this would become necessary with EMS personnel. Some concerns that were brought up were HIPPA violations, public privacy and cost.</p> <p>Dan Camp has asked that all the agencies to look at the local healthcare coalitions in respective regions and take an active role with them in setting up disaster plans.</p> <p>Mike Moffitt made the request that the Operations Subcommittee be assigned to continue to monitor the vehicle standards in regards to KKK and CAAS.</p> <p>Mike Moffitt made the request that the Operations Subcommittee be assigned to look into other states that are thinking about using body cameras and what the state regulations and/or guidelines are.</p>	
Professional Development Subcommittee	<p>Von Johnson said the Professional Development Subcommittee has the same problem as the Operations Committee with lack of committee members. They looked over their roster and it does need to be updated. Ross Fowlks resigned from the Subcommittee which left them without a chair and there was not a Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Russ Malone made a motion to nominate Von Johnson as the Chair of the committee. Terri Hoffman seconded the motion.</p> <p>Shellie Young made the motion to nominate Chris Strafford as Vice-Chair. Russ Malone seconded the motion.</p> <p>They have 10 vacancies on the committee. There are several inaccuracies in the roster and corrections will need to be made. Guy Dansie commented that he has committed to redrafting the old policy and the application and present it to the EMS Committee in April. He will also encourage some networking to get the word out to the agencies about the vacant committee positions.</p> <p>The Bureau will no longer be testing after July 1, 2015. All testing will be through the National Registry. They have put together a task group to create a process for the transition to NREMT time-line of July 1, 2015. They will bring a proposal to the EMS Committee at the next meeting in April.</p>	<p>A recommendation was made for the EMS Committee to approve the nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Mike Mathieu made the motion to approve the nominations. Russell Bradley seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.</p>
EMS Rules Task Force Committee – Department Rules Update	<p>Guy Dansie said he mentioned earlier that are four different rules that have already been submitted to the Executive Directors office, and the attorney general and some of the format and wording has been revised. They will still need to be reviewed again by the Executive Director and when approved, will be sent out for a 30 day public comment review.</p> <p>Jay Downs recommended that a member of the EMS Committee attend the EMS Rules Task Force Meeting. Jason Nicholl volunteered to attend the EMS Rules Task Force Committee meetings.</p>	
Grants Subcommittee – 2016 EMS Competitive Grant,	<p>Guy Dansie advised the committee that there has been an update on FY2016 per capita grants. During Fiscal Year 2016, the Utah Department of Health will distribute approximately \$500,000 to per capita grant applicants. A handout was available with all the</p>	

2016 Per Capita Guidelines	<p>changes and deadlines for review. Carry-over funds that have not been spent will no longer be allowed anymore. There was a change in per capita eligibility for small agencies where the limit to apply per eligibility guidelines to apply for a per capita grant would set the floor at \$500.00. This change would not affect the larger agencies. Guy Dansie mentioned that there was a change in the grants rule with language being added that reflects the eligibility amount of \$500.00.</p> <p>There has been a staff change, Irene Petrogeorge retired in December and her replacement is Gay Brogdon who is already an employee in the Bureau of EMS & P.</p>	
Operations Subcommittee Application Approval	Jeri Johnson said she received an application from Susan Poulsen who is employed with Davis County Sheriff. Susan has applied for the public safety/law enforcement position with the Operations Subcommittee. Jeri would like to make the recommendation to the EMS Committee for their approval of Susan's application.	A recommendation was made to approve the application of Susan Poulsen to become a member of the EMS Operations Subcommittee. Mike Moffitt made the motion to approve the application. Casey Jackson seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.
	<u>Informational Items:</u>	
Update on New Data System	Shari Hunsaker went over the process that the state has been going through to purchase a new data system. It was determined that Image Trend had all the mandatory minimums we requested. It was determined that a RFP be posted and the process has been protected. We will have to push back the date for the implementation, but it will be an aggressive timeframe. Josh Legler is working on the files for the data conversion cross over and Shari is working on developing the implementation and training strategy. Eventually there will be a link on the vendor's hosted website with training links. General timeline will be closing the RFP on February 3, 2015. We will be requiring the data system vendor selected to provide two levels of certification. There will be a web-services client installed on the system with instructions on the conversion process. There will be stages with the conversion. With Nemsis data standards, all data will be in XML which is the common language which speaks to any system. All agencies will be required to be on Nemsis 3 data elements by the end of this year.	
Complaint Compliance Enforcement Unit Update	Dennis Bang advised that the Complaint Compliance Enforcement Unit was formed because of the recent audit results. We are trying to qualify and certify and do everything that was called for in the audit. All forms for complaints are on the website and all the forms and processes have been approved by the Attorney General. There was a press release on January 5 th , Fox News reported on it and also the Standard Examiner in Ogden did a piece in the newspaper. We	

	<p>want what we are doing to be as transparent as possible. The process we have in place for forms and disciplinary protocol is a letter of notice, up to suspension or revocation and also there is a fine schedule that goes along with it. There will also a repeal process in place. We are working with the inspectors and Bureau auditors to insure early detection of provider deficiencies for our course coordinators and agencies, ambulances so we can make sure we are keeping up with things. We are working with Shari with the new data system so we can list the complaints we have received in the data base. We don't have the complaints listed in our website yet but plan to as soon as the website issues are worked out.</p>	
<p>Possible Medicaid Reimbursement Increase</p>	<p>Mike Mathieu stated that ambulance rates are based on state fiscal guide and are predicated on revenues and expenses. Our revenues are extremely low because Medicaid is the lowest third party reimbursor of ambulance transports at a reimbursement of only \$142.72 for every base rate regardless if it is BLS transport, intermediate or paramedic. Our rates which we bill are \$655 for BLS transport, \$865 for intermediate and \$1,265 for paramedic which is the state rates. The reason why they are so high is because of process called cost shifting and \$142.72 is all we receive. For many years they have tried to petition an increase in Medicaid reimbursement for ambulances and it hasn't worked because we compete with other state appropriations. In order to increase Medicaid reimbursement there needs to be a local match in relationship to the Federal Government and it can be from a local provider, the State of Utah, a region or a county but it is non-federal dollars. The way the relationship of Medicaid through the center of Medicare/Medicaid services in the Federal Government works with the states in this country is that the local match is required. The State of Utah's ratio of local match to Federal drawdown is 70% to 30% if the federal criteria are met. The state of California embarked on a separate process three of four years ago to evoke this match requirement relationship and they've succeeded and it has worked for them through IGD or CPE. These are prospective processes and we can go out and our cost match is demonstrated by showing what our ambulance service costs are by our standards and we submit it to our state offices and it is submitted to the Federal Government. You then get the go ahead to proceed. Two years later they will audit your process after you have already received the money and if it does not meet the Federal Government standards, you may have to repay money back to the Federal Government because it did not meet the requirements. Our state has concerns on this methodology of establishing Federal draw down. Our state supports a different methodology that has been proven in the State of Utah with other medical care providers such as care centers and hospitals and is approved by the Federal government. The model is through an assessment of the providers. In order for it to meet Federal guidelines, it has to be uniformly applied across the board with no bias or discrimination. Mike Moffitt, himself and others have been working with Senator Brambell on this to come up with a plan. The plan they came up with is this: the current rate is \$142.72 and they want to move the base rate reimbursement to \$655 with a difference of \$512.28. In order to provide the match requirement for the Federal draw down, the match is going to come from the providers. There were 16,348 Medicaid transports last year and with the rate increase it will require 8 million dollars more to pay all the</p>	

	<p>Medicaid transports. In order to do this they will need to do the match which amounts to a 2.5 million dollars. The Federal dollars would be 5.86 million dollars. With 103,753 ambulance transports made by all the providers last year, they would take the 2.5 million dollar match and divide by the number of transports and each transport that is made will have to pay an assessment of \$24.36. This is not a Medicaid expansion just an attempt to improve ambulance reimbursement for Medicaid patient transport. This plan is being put in a bill to be presented to Legislature this session.</p>	
<p>Subcommittee Assignments for Meeting</p>	<p>Tasks assigned to the Operations Subcommittee: The Operations Subcommittee is assigned to continue to monitor the vehicle standards in regards to KKK and CAAS.</p> <p>The Operations Subcommittee is assigned to look into other states that are thinking about using body cameras and what the state regulations and/or guidelines are.</p> <p>Tasks assigned to the Professional Development Subcommittee: The Professional Development Subcommittee have put together a task group to create a process for the transition to NREMT time-line of July 1, 2015. They will bring a proposal to the EMS Committee at the next meeting in April.</p>	
<p>End of Meeting</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Held in the 3rd floor auditorium at 3760 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.</p> <p>Tami Goodin mentioned that the July meeting will be held in conjunction with the EMS Awards Ceremony meeting.</p>	<p>Mike Moffitt made the motion to adjourn. Jay Downs seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.</p>